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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP(FORD, GERALD) SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

- 1. AT REQUEST OF ANDRZEJ KONOPACKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR MFA DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND CULTURAL COTEERATION, PAO AND IO DISCUSSED PROBABLE NEEDS OF VISITING NEWSMEN. HESOROMISED FULL ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING PRESS CENTER WITH ALL NECESSARY COMMUNICATIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VISITING U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGN NEWSMEN. FOR THAT PURPOSE, NEED ASAP BEST ESTIMATE NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS WHO WILL COME TO WARSAW.
- 2. KONOPACKI ESTIMATES DOLS FIFTY COST PER DAY PER JOURNALIST OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, INCLUDING ROOM, MEALS, TRANSPORT BY BY BUS, AND BAGGAGE HANDLING. COST OF PRESS CENTER, INCLUDING COSTS OF SPECIAL TELEX AND TELEPHONE CABLES, EIGHT INTERPRETERS, SECRETARIES, INCLUDING REFRESHIMENT ROOM, AND P&C ROOM, HE ESTIMATED AT 250,000 ZLOTIES (US DOLS \$12,550.20 AT 19.92 CONFIDENTIAL

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OF PRESS CENTER?

- 3. KONOPACKI ASKED IF REPORTERS WOULD HAVE CREDIT CARDS TO COVER TELEX AND TELEPHONE COSTS AND WHETHER WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE WOULD ARRANGE FOR COMBINED PAYMENT OF JOURNALISTS LODGING EXPENSES.
- 4. KONOPACKI ALSO STRONGLY URGED THAT VISA APPLICATIONS FOR JOURNALISTS BE SUBMITTED ASAP. LIST OF NEWSMEN SHOUPT BE FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY AS WELL, TO FACILITATE VISA SUPPORT AND ISSUANCE OF ACCREDITATION CREDENTIALS. NEED SPECIFICALLY NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, AND PASSPORT NUMBER.
- 5. KONOPACKI LEAVES THIS AFTERNOON FOR HELSINKI AND WILL RETURN MORNING OF JULY 19. PREFERABLY BEFORE NOON OF THAT DAY, WHEN WE SHALL MEET AGAIN WITH HIM, BUT BY THEN AT LATEST, REQUEST THAT YOU INFORM US HOW MAY U.S. AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS COMING FROM WASHINGTON WILL NEED ACCOMMODATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE. UNTIL KONOPACKI'S RETURN, WE SHALL BE DEALING WITH POLISH WORKING GROUP HEADED BY ZDISLAW SZAKIEWICZ, INTERPRESS. BRADSHAW

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